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1. (Unclassified) [] LIAISON Called John McEvoy, Staff Director, Senate Budget Committee, and discussed with him the letter we had received from Robin Pirie, Congressional Budget Office staff, requesting an analytical report on NIE 11/3-8 and the B Team Report. McEvoy was not aware of this request but said that he had seen a letter Tom Dine, also of the Committee staff, had written to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence requesting the same information. I told McEvoy that if possible the Agency would prefer that information of this nature be requested from the Select Committee under the provisions of S. Res. 400, Section 301. McEvoy said he understood and would discuss this again with Dine.

I also advised McEvoy of the Director's meeting on 13 January with Senator Henry Bellmon (R., Okla.) and others and his meeting on 18 January with Senators Edmund Muskie (D., Maine) and Bellmon. I told McEvoy that the Director stressed his concern about the proliferation of sensitive intelligence sources and methods but that we wanted to comply with the Committee's needs under the Budget Control Act. I said Senator Muskie indicated he saw no need for a lot of detailed budgetary information and he would discuss the Committee's needs with the staff and with Chairman Daniel Inouye (D., Hawaii) and Vice Chairman Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) of the Senate Select Committee. McEvoy was appreciative of my call and it was agreed that we would keep in touch.

2. [] LIAISON Delivered the transcript of a briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held on 23 December 1976 to Ambassador William Schaufele, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, so that he could review his portion of the testimony for possible deletions. After reviewing the transcript, he said that he agreed with the deletions the Agency recommended, which included some of his statements, but that he had no further deletions to make.

3. (Unclassified) [] LEGISLATION Spoke with Naomi Sweeney, OMB, to sound out her office on the letter we had drafted regarding special pay incentives for CIA physicians. Ms. Sweeney was familiar with this subject but said that in light of a recent study addressing the need for Government-wide pay incentives for doctors, OMB would not at this point be favorably inclined toward approving a letter such as ours requesting specific relief for a particular Government agency.

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19. (Unclassified - [redacted] LIAISON Frank Samolis, in the office of Representative Charles A. Vanik (D., Ohio), called to request two copies each of the following Agency publications: "USSR: Long-Range Prospects for Hard Currency Trade," "Soviet Economic Plans for 1976-80: A First Look," and "1975 - U.S. Role in East-West Trade." After checking with the Center for Policy Support/DDI, I called Mr. Samolis back and told him that we could provide him the first two publications but that the third one was not familiar to us. He thanked me for the assistance and said the first two would be fine. Two copies each of these reports have been mailed to Mr. Samolis.

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20. (Unclassified - [redacted] LIAISON After contacting OGC,

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[redacted] and informed him that an employment appointment had been scheduled for him on 8 February at 9:30 a.m. I told him that when he comes to the main receptionist he should call [redacted]

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[redacted] said he appreciated my assistance.

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21. (Internal Use Only [redacted] LIAISON Called Walt Ricks, Senator Robert Morgan's (D., N. Car.) designee on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, to tell him that [redacted] wanted to meet with he and the Senator to conclude some follow-up items from the Senator's trip to Mexico City. Ricks said he would schedule it with the Senator's office as soon as possible, but it wasn't likely it could be arranged this week.

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22. (Unclassified - [redacted] LIAISON Called Bill Miller, Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, to alert him to the letter sent from the Senate Budget Committee [redacted] Congressional Budget Office requesting that the CBO investigate the preparation of the newest NIE on Soviet strategic forces. Miller's response was that this matter was outside the jurisdiction and possibly expertise of the CBO and that we should inform the Budget Committee that they should contact the Senate Select Committee which has already looked into the matter.

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6. (Unclassified - [redacted] LIAISON Received a call from Ted Ralston, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, who requested a copy of a report cited in the "B Team" report on Soviet strategic forces. Ralston was told that the report could not be released without DDO approval.

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7. (Unclassified - [redacted] BRIEFING Called Bill Miller, Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, to get his verification that Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.) is officially a member of the Select Committee, and therefore, entitled to detailed briefings by station chiefs abroad. Senator Mathias is traveling [redacted] beginning 22 January 25X1 Miller verified that we should be prepared to brief Senator Mathias and he agreed to contact the Senator to inquire if [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] he wanted to meet with station chiefs during his trip and have advance briefings at Headquarters before his departure.

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I informed Miller that none of the Agency's top leadership would be available for a covert action briefing this week. Miller's response was that that would probably mean he would want to have a staff briefing. After checking with Mr. Knoche's office, I called Miller back and told him that Mr. Knoche would be available for such a briefing on 27 January at 10:00 a.m. Miller again agreed the Agency could plan to brief the Committee on Philip Agee during the same briefing.

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8. (Unclassified - [redacted] LIAISON Spencer Davis, Press Secretary, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, called to state he had responded to Newsday newspaper regarding allegations that the Agency had smuggled into Cuba a vial of swine virus which had resulted in the slaughter of 500,000 hogs in Cuba. The Agency's denial was not in question, but Davis passed along additional information about the likely cause of the outbreak and the steps taken by the Department of Agriculture to prevent such an outbreak in the U.S. This was challenged by Newsday after checking with a U.S.D.A. virologist. I agreed to try to clarify this.

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9. (Unclassified - [redacted] LIAISON John Ryan, Assistant to former Senator Roman Hruska (R., Nebr.), called to say that the former Senator had signed two pictures as Mr. Bush and Mr. Cary had requested, and that I could pick them up.

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10. (Unclassified - [redacted] LIAISON Elliot Maxwell, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, called to request a written response to the Committee's inquiry on allegations in the January 1977 Penthouse that the Agency conducted paramilitary training on deserted California airfields of foreigners for future insurgent use. I gave Maxwell a preliminary report on his inquiry regarding Section 5(c) of the CIA Act of 1949 and said something more definitive would follow.

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